

April 7, 2021

**By ECF**

Hon. George B. Daniels  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Re: *Cates v. Trustees of Columbia University*, No. 1:16-cv-6524-GBD-SDA

Judge Daniels:

The parties write jointly to report that on April 6, 2021 they reached an agreement to settle the above matter on a class-wide basis. Considering this development, the parties respectfully request that the Court enter an order staying all proceedings in the case for 45 days, until May 24, 2021, to allow the parties sufficient time to prepare and file the proposed settlement agreement, certification, and preliminary approval papers, as required under Rule 23.

Respectfully submitted,

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